Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 26 Apr 2022 until 23:59 on Wednesday 27 Apr 2022

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 26 Apr 2022 at 03:19 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally settled weather for the forecast period with high pressure over Scotland but cloud amounts remain tricky to forecast.

Headline for Tuesday 26 Apr 2022: A cloudy start with some light snow showers, cloud thinning with some bright spells later.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 26 Apr 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Dull	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
40%	20%	10%	10%	10%	10%

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Weather: At dawn it will be quite dull with a lot of cloud, the cloud thick enough to produce a few snow flurries above 700m, likely to be drizzle below this height, but this will slowly lift and thin with some bright spells by late morning. Some areas may see the cloud breaking quite nicely to give a bright or sunny day but cloud will be more persistent for other ranges which have more exposure to the northerly winds, for instance the northern Cairngorms, summits will clear but cloud may not break very easily.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% improving to 80%, a lot of low cloud in the early morning will lift and thin during the day.

Low cloud and visibility: At dawn cloud bases will be scattered or broken above 600m, perhaps more scattered at 700m further south and west of the area towards Loch Ericht and Rannoch. Cloud will lift and clear with just patches of lower cloud around the Northern Cairngorms and Moray hills above 700m in the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	16/20 NE	13/17 NE	10/15 NE	8/13 NE	8/12 NE	8/11 E	5/7 SE
900	15/17 NE	12/16 NE	9/14 NE	8/13 NE	9/13 NE	10/13 E	4/6 SE
600	9/12 NE	10/14 NE	8/13 NE	8/12 NE	8/12 NE	7/12 E	4/6 S
300	6/12 NE	7/13 NE	7/14 NE	7/13 NE	7/13 NE	6/12 E	3/4 SE
Glen	4/11 NE	5/11 NE	6/13 NE	6/12 NE	5/12 NE	4/9 NE	3/6 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-9	-3/-9	-2/-7	-0/-5	-1/-5	-3/-7	-4/-7
900	1/-5	0/-5	1/-3	2/-1	2/-2	1/-3	-0/-2
600	2/-1	2/-2	4/1	5/2	4/2	3/-0	2/-0
300	4/2	5/3	7/5	8/6	7/5	4/2	3/1
Glen	4/2	6/4	8/6	9/7	8/6	4/3	2/0
Freezing Level*	900m	800m	900m	900m	900m	700m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Notice the lowering of freezing level allowing some light snowfall around munro summits and also the freezing of remaining snow pack, leading to potentially icy conditions. A significant windchill will be experienced at height and it may be deceptively warm in the sunshine at lower levels.

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Apr 2022

Weather: A very cold start to the day but generally a very settled day with very light winds. Bright or sunny spells are expected but it may be a cloudy start particularly around the Cairngorms.

Maximum wind: Mainly northerly 5-10 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60 rising to 90%, early low cloud is likely to lift and clear away.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud from 700m initially will lift and become patchy, perhaps just patches of cloud around 800m in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero rising to Plus 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 3 rising to Plus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: 500m rising to 1100m later.

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